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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Application of: Cheng et al.

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Examiner: To Be Assigned

For: Method of Treating or Preventing  
Hepatitis B Virus

Attorney Docket No.: 6523-038-999

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, please enter the amendments below and consider the following remarks.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any required fee(s) to Pennie & Edmonds LLP Deposit Account No. 16-1150. A copy of this sheet is enclosed for such purpose.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 3 of this paper

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.